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"LIBERALISM" TAKES ITS HISTORIC ANTI-UNION STAND

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...Strikingly, through unity, is the foun...of American trade unionism, but ...everything every aid from the sincere ...and unselfish men and women ...of life who are in sympathy with ...principles.

...The "liberal," however, insists that ...direct the workers. He denounces ...narrow" any system that excludes ...him.

...He envies the European "liberal," but ...forgets that the statist—the govern...ment-minded person—is the exception to this rule. ...of workers' guardianship is unques...tioned, even by the workers themselves.

...This is the fundamental difference between American and other trade unions.

...The "liberal" clings to the European outlook. He is angry because he can not find a "home" in the unions. He talks of "broad, comprehensive viewpoints." The anti-union employer understands, but workers are often fooled.

...They do not realize that the one purpose is to use them as social factors; to keep them "contented;" to deaden their will power and to check a development that comes through experience and that extends into every activity of life.

...For nearly half a century the unions have resisted attempts to direct their social growth. This autocratic purpose is a complacent and discredited liberalism.

...The trade unions welcome the warm sympathy of citizens who appreciate labor's objective, but labor refuses to sit in awe before the word-mongering "liberal" who believes he is qualified to rule. Labor considers this element far more dangerous than the hostile employer who frankly avows his autocracy.

...Trade unionists must be realists. They must be awake to the historic attitude of professional "liberalism." If workers are swayed by catch phrases or detracted by red herrings they will pay the usual costly price.

STEEL TRUST'S FREIGHT COSTS PAID BY UNORGANIZED LABOR

Miami, Fla., March 1.—Wage cuts to equalize freight charges as a social and economic safeguard by the A. F. of L. Executive Council in a public statement on a 7 to 10 per cent wage reduction by the Elwood (Ind.) unit of the United States Steel Corporation.

"If such a policy were general," said the council, "our boasted prosperity would disappear overnight. No corporation can defend itself from attack when it reduces wages and declares a stock dividend at approximately the same time.

"The United States Steel Corporation is prepared to increase the value of its stock has greatly increased. It has paid dividends on its outstanding stock and in addition has declared stock dividends. It is rumored that it is to soon declare another stock dividend."

The steel trust Elwood plant is the Anderson, Ind., non-Union factory. The wage cut was made on the ground of freight charges and Pittsburgh against similar manufacturing plants in other districts. Unorganized workers are called upon to make this sacrifice.

"The probabilities are," the council said, "that if these workers were organized no reduction would have been made. Organization would have been of advantage to all employes of the corporation, and the wage cut would have led into trade unions for self-protection and advancement. The Executive Council would give this matter special consideration and attention."

The council recently appointed Vincent Brabner to investigate the wage cut in connection with the organization campaign. President Hoover is requested to investigate the wage cut. It is published that investigate the wage cut in connection with the organization campaign. The Vincent Brabner is requested to